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Eastern Austria

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TOPIC

Military Information from Klosterneuburg, Schwachat, Wiener Neustadt.

Druck Leitha and Kousiedl am See.

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT

6 to 21 June 1952

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REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. On 18 June 1952, a unit was loaded at the Klosterneuburg-Weidling (O 49/S 30) railroad station. This unit consisted of about 200 troops wearing black-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets, 1 prime mover, trucks

and a tank trailer, 3 trailers with pontons, 1 trailer with a motor boat, 4 trailers with straw mattresses and spare tires, 2 trailers with generators, and 2 motorcycles. Most of the vehicles had the same emblem of a white circle with a Soviet star and two crossed oak leaves. (1)

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2. On 18 June, 5 trucks and 1 ambulance were parked in the yard of the Pionier Kaserne at Klosterneuburg. Trucks drove to the installation. Seven groups, each consisting of about 50 unarmed soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, left the Pionier Kaserne toward the former Pionierzeugant, where several soldiers were seen preparing wooden wedges. Six AT guns and 24 trucks stood in the yard of the former Pionierzeugant and there were six canvas-covered tank trucks near the fuel dump of the same installation. (2)

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3. On 20 June, 3 majors and 6 captains wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and 16 P with red-bordered black epaulets were observed near the Altkettenhof in Schwachat (P 49/X 43). Trucks were parked in front of the building. The drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. (3)

4. Soviet troop trains observed on 21 June included:  
A train of 5 boxcars with officers and 1 wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 1 sealed boxcar, 2 empty boxcars, 1 gondola car loaded with logs, 3 empty gondola cars, and 2 flatcars carrying 8 AT guns of about 60-mm caliber with muzzle brake, an unidentified piece of equipment with two wheels

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the trucks were loaded with billeting equipment and practice targets. The train left Druck Leitha (P 49/X 77) at 10:50 a.m., and Kousiedl am See (P 49/X 76) toward Gallern (P 43/X 34) at 4:50 p.m.

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Another train of 4 boxcars with officers and EM wearing black-bordered epaulets, some with artillery insignia, and 10 flatcars carrying trucks

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loaded with billeting equipment, practice targets and 12 two-wheeled machine guns with shields. The train left Neusiedl am See at 12:30 p.m. and arrived at Bruck an der Leitha at 3:20 p.m. It left Bruck at 5:30 p.m.

A third train of 18 boxcars, including 6 boxcars with officers and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, and 23 flatcars carrying 6 AA guns of about 30-mm caliber with muzzle brake, 2 two-wheeled canvas-covered pieces of equipment, and 15 trucks,

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The train left Neusiedl am See at 1:45 p.m. and passed through Bruck an der Leitha toward Vienna at 5:30 p.m.

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5. On 6 June, 12 AA guns with a funnel-shaped muzzle and 8 new trucks, were observed at the cantonment on the western edge of Wiener Neustadt (O L&X 34).

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Comments.

- (1) The number of personnel indicates that the train carried most of the 8th Gds Eng Bn which, according to a deserter from higher headquarters, has a peacetime strength of 215 men. It is believed that the entire engineer battalion, except for a rear detail, moved to an engineer training site in the Tulln area.

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